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Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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INVESTIGATORS SUMMARY

USE OF FORCE

TYPE: DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING-NON-HIT

I.A.B. FILE NUMBER: SH 2150783

URN: 005-12156-2174-055

On Friday July 15, 2005, Sergeants Richard Smith and John Harris, along with Lieutenant Bennett Seno of the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to Mary Ave. Los Angeles, regarding a Deputy Involved Shooting involving Century Station personnel, assigned to the County Murder Task Force. Detective Brian Steinwand from Homicide Bureau was on scene to direct the investigation which will be conducted by Detective Matthew Burson, Region II Homicide Task Force.

The summary of this incident is based on physical evidence collected at the scene by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Crime Lab personnel as well as interviews with and reports written by the involved personnel (refer Exhibit A).

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Deputy Christopher Smelser, # MW/ 6'03"/205lbs

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY

SMELSER, Christopher

Date of Employment
Date Assigned to Patrol
Date Completed Patrol Training
Prior Founded Force Incidents



SUSPECT

Fredrick Island, BK#8658688 MB/20 5'08"/180lbs

Suspect Island has an

Suspect Island is a known gang member of 89th St. East Coast Crips (refer Exhibit C & D).

WITNESSES

Deputy James Ponsford, # Deputy Carlos Lopez, #

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INJURIES

No Department Personnel were injured in this incident

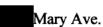
Suspect Island was not injured in this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Suspect Island's Smith & Wesson handgun with one ammo magazine recovered at



One expended 9MM cartridge case recovered on the driveway at Mary Ave.



INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

The driveway leading to the incident location was a one lane concrete driveway that ended even with the back wall of the residence (refer Exhibit B).

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Christopher Smelser fired one round of Department authorized and issued 9MM ammunition from his Department issued Beretta, Model 92F, 9MM handgun.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECTS

Suspect Island used a Smith and Wesson 9MM, semi-automatic handgun ser# PBM (Refer Exhibit H).



PROPERTY DAMAGE:

NONE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED:

Detective Matthew Burson, # County Murder Task Force.

One count of 245 (D)(1) P.C., Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, one count of 245(D)(2) P.C., Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, one count of 12031(A)(1) P.C., Carrying a Loaded Firearm, one count of 12031(A)(2)(A) P.C., Carrying a Loaded Firearm and a Parole Violation were filed on Suspect Island. Suspect Island's is scheduled to appear in Norwalk Court, Dept S on December 12, 2005.

LIGHTING OR WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The weather was clear on the night of the incident. The location was in the backyard of an unoccupied residence. There was no artificial illumination such as street lights or a porch light.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENT:

Deputy Christopher Smelser,

Deputy Smelser said that he, Deputy James Ponsford, # and Carlos Lopez, # were assigned to a Homicide County Murder Task Force, Unit 210W1, on the night of the incident. They were driving a marked Sheriff's Department radio car and wearing Sheriff's Department Class C uniforms.

Deputy Smelser said that traveling southbound on Mary Ave., he saw a white vehicle stopped at the northwest corner of Mary Ave. and 89th St., in front of a known "89 East Coast Crip" hangout impeding the flow of traffic for both streets.. The vehicle had a group of males standing around the outside of the vehicle with their hands moving in and out of the vehicle, which is typical of narcotic transactions. He said they stopped to advise the driver to move and when he exited the radio car, he saw a male, later identified as Suspect Island, staring at him as he walked east on 89th St. Deputy Smelser said that Suspect Island was the only person trying to separate himself from the group which further increased his interest in Suspect Island. He said that he took a step toward Suspect Island to contain Suspect Island, at which time Suspect Island jumped over a short fence at ran to the front door and unsuccessfully tried to open the door as he looked back at Deputy Smelser.

Deputy Smelser said that he did not recognize Suspect Island as a resident of that location and called loudly to Suspect Island to walk over to him in order to ascertain Suspect Island's activities at the location. As he was trying to get Suspect Island's attention, he heard the radio car backing up. Suspect Island did not comply, instead began running northbound on Mary Ave. He said that he began following Suspect Island on foot; however, after approximately forty feet, Deputy Ponsford drove along side of him and told him to enter the radio car, which he did. As they followed Suspect Island a short distance, Suspect Island ran northeast across Mary Ave. At this time from a distance of approximately fifty feet, illuminated by the radio cars headlights, he saw that Suspect Island was holding onto something with his right hand in his right front pants pocket, the outline of which resembled a handgun and heard Deputy Ponsford say "417." At Mary Ave., Suspect Island ran east, up a driveway at that location.

Deputy Smelser said that Deputy Ponsford stopped the radio car at the driveway for Mary Ave. He exited the radio car, drew his weapon and saw Suspect Island make a right turn around the northeast corner of the garage at the location. He slowly followed Suspect Island up the driveway, who was now out of his view. As he began to run up the driveway he heard the sound of metal shaking which sounded similar to the sound of a security screen door rattling. This rattling sound caused Deputy Smelser to think that Suspect Island was attempting to enter the location. As he neared the rear corner of the house and the end of the driveway, he saw a corrugated fence at the rear of the property and thought that the sound he heard could possibly be Suspect Island attempting to jump over the fence in order to get away. As he reached the rear corner of the house, he stopped. He said that his intention was to determine Suspect Island's route of travel and begin establishing a containment of the area.

Deputy Smelser said that after reaching the rear corner of the house, he began "slicing the pie" from the northeast corner of the location in order to clear the backyard. As he slowly began expanding his view of the backyard, he suddenly saw Suspect Island, between the house and the back fence, in a semi-crouching position with both arms extended in front of his body, which Deputy Smelser likened to a "shooting stance," as evidenced by Suspect Island holding a handgun in his hands and moving toward Deputy Smelser. He said that he became fearful that Suspect Island was going to shoot and kill him. He began to move to his right seeking cover from the house and fired one round at Suspect Island. He said that when he fired his background was a corrugated metal fence, the garage for the house to the south and bushes (refer Exhibit F & G).

Deputy Smelser said that he lost sight of Suspect Island when he reached the cover of the house, but did hear Suspect Island scream something which he was not able to understand. He again sliced the pie and saw Suspect Island laying on the rear porch of the location with his hands displayed in front of him. Suspect Island was taken into custody with the assistance of Deputy Lopez. Deputy Smelser said that at no time did Suspect Island have his hands in the air.

WITNESSES STATEMENT:

Deputy Carlos Lopez,

Deputy Lopez said that Deputy Smelser, Deputy Ponsford and he were traveling southbound on Mary Ave. When he saw a white vehicle stopped at the corner of 89th St. And Mary Ave. Around that vehicle were a group of males who he identified as East Coast Crips gang members. He saw a male separate himself from the group and rapidly walk toward the front door of the residence at

Deputy Lopez said that he exited the radio car to detain the male, later identified as Suspect Island, when he heard Deputy Smelser order Suspect Island to stop. He saw Suspect Island run northbound on the west sidewalk of Mary Ave. And Deputy Smelser began to run after Suspect Island. He said that he ran to the radio car and entered the right rear passenger seat. Deputy

Ponsford drove northbound, picked up Deputy Smelser who had stopped running and they proceeded to follow Suspect Island north. He saw Suspect Island run eastbound diagonally across Mary Ave., then continue northbound on the east sidewalk of Mary Ave., turning east up the driveway at Mary Ave.

Deputy Lopez said that they proceeded to Mary Ave., stopping in front of the residence at that location. From inside the radio car, he heard the sound of a fence rattling, which caused him to believe that Suspect Island was scaling the fence in the backyard of that location. He exited the radio car, directed Deputy Ponsford to drive to the first street east of their location. He said that Deputy Smelser was running up the driveway at Mary Ave. and at a distance of approximately ten yards, he followed him. When Deputy Smelser reached the northeast corner of the residence, Deputy Smelser stopped and began searching the backyard by "cutting the pie." At this point, Deputy Lopez was concerned that Suspect Island may have circled the residence and was going to come from the rear. He said that he took a position at the northwest corner of the residence and covered the rear. At a point when he believed that Suspect Island had had enough time to make the circle, he directed his attention toward Deputy Smelser and moved rapidly up the driveway.

Deputy Lopez said that as he neared the northeast corner of the residence he saw Deputy Smelser standing approximately eight feet away from the residence on the grass at the end of the driveway. He then saw Deputy Smelser fire one round into the backyard of the location, immediately return to the northeast corner of the residence and heard Deputy Smelser say that the suspect was armed with a gun and had tried to shoot him. He and Deputy Smelser then cautiously entered the backyard, saw Suspect Island kneeling on the porch with his hands in the air. Deputy Smelser then handcuffed Suspect Island.

Deputy James Ponsford,

Deputy Ponsford said that he was traveling southbound on Mary Ave. approaching 89th St. when he saw a white vehicle stopped at the northwest corner. The vehicle was stopped impeding the flow of traffic for both streets. He stopped the radio car behind the white vehicle with the intention of asking the driver to move his vehicle. When he stopped Deputy Smelser and Deputy Lopez stepped out of the radio car. As he stepped out of the radio car, he heard Deputy Smelser yell "stop," which brought his attention to Suspect Island, who was running north on Mary Ave. and across to the east side of Mary Ave.

Deputy Ponsford said that he saw Deputy Smelser and Deputy Lopez begin to run after Suspect Island, at which time he ran to the radio car, made a u-turn and drove north on Mary Ave. approximately two houses at which time he stopped and picked up both deputies. He then proceeded to drive north on Mary Ave. following Suspect Island who was now on the east sidewalk. As he drove north he saw that Suspect Island had his right hand down to his right side. He said that Suspect Island's hand was formed in a manner which indicated to him that he was holding a handgun.

Deputy Ponsford said that he drove to the house south of Mary Ave. and stopped, because he did not want to drop the deputies off in front of the location they had lost sight of Suspect Island. Deputies Smelser and Lopez exited the radio car and he drove northbound Mary Ave. to 87th St., turned eastbound on 87th St., with the intention of establishing a position of containment on John Ave. As he turned eastbound, he heard a gunshot. He proceeded to the southwest corner of John Ave. and stopped. He was then advised, on direct, that a shooting had occurred and drove back to Mary Ave. Approximately 15 seconds after he heard the gunshot he heard Deputy Lopez broadcast, on the Sheriff's radio, of a "998."

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

Fredrick Island, BK#8658688

Suspect Island, in a written statement, said that he ran from the deputies when he saw them in the radio car. He ran into the backyard at Mary Ave. and he had a gun in his possession at the time. When he reached the backyard, he threw the gun over a fence to the north. He said that he threw his hands in the air and the deputy fired one shot at him. He said that he did not shoot at the deputy (refer Exhibit E for Suspect Islands statement).